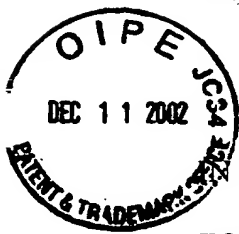


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of August 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 12, 14, and 15 to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. (Twice Amended) A multibeam scan apparatus comprising:  
a light source having semiconductor laser diodes and coupling lenses arranged in a main scan direction, the semiconductor laser diodes and coupling lenses being positioned so that light beams emitted by the semiconductor laser diodes are emitted on slanting optical axes to substantially cross each other at a point;

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<sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached hereto.